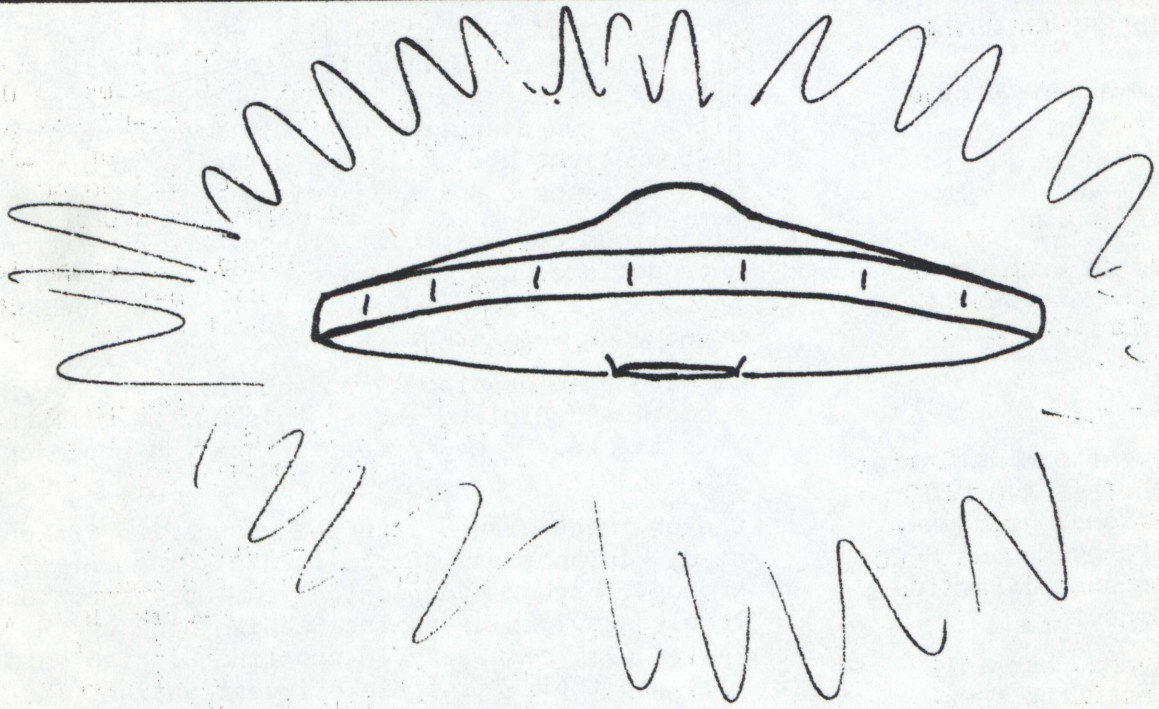


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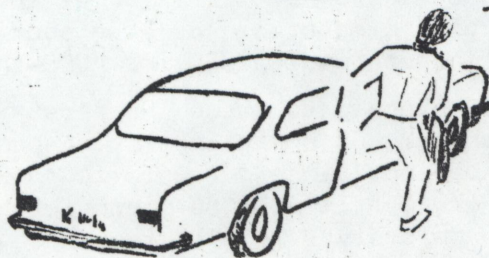
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Editorial

The first issue of the "Scandinavian Newsletter"
is with you. The SN is, partly, a continuation
of the "UFO-Sweden Newsletter" of which we pro-
duced two issues.

At the end of 1970 we got in contact with Nor-
ways largest and most active UFO groups, UFO-
Informasjon Norge and Trondheim UFO-Förening.
With them we discussed possible ways of a closer
co-operation, ending in the decision on our
part to issue a joint Scandinavian Newsletter.

Since then our Norwegian friends and companions
have decided upon forming a national UFO organi-
zation on similar premisses as those on which
UFO-Sweden was formed.

We have also developed contacts with groups in
Denmark and Finland and in this way we will be
able to present news reports from the whole of
Scandinavia.

One of these groups is UFO-JakobSaari of Jakob-
stad, Finland, one of UFO-Sweden's member
groups. Through a dedicated team-work they have
lately provided us on the Swedish side of the
Baltic with some very interesting Finnish mate-
rial and their first field investigation (The
Perho Investigation) is included in this issue.

At present UFO-Sweden consists of 29 member
groups spread all over Sweden (and one in Fin-
land). Most of these are formed on "new blood".
Each group is completely independent in its
actions, but gains support from the central
group, if needed.

Some groups have taken up special responsibi-
lities within the national organization and act
as advisors in their special fields, such as
Public Relations/Information or Report Central.
We hope to be able to reaturn to the subject of
"our organization" in a future edition of the SN.

As editor of the SN I would like to thank all
those who have sent us material in exchange.
Much of the material you have sent us have been
used in our Swedish UFOzine "UFO-Information".

We had planned to issue the first issue of SN
in January but unfortunately we had to delay the
publication. Since our work is done on spare
time we fear it will be impossible to issue the
SN "regularly". We will try, however, to print
at least 2-3 issues/year, if possible 4.

Exchange material (if possible "double" for our
Norwegian friends) and correspondence should be
sent to UFO-Sweden, P.O.Box 311, 591 03 Motala
3, Sweden.

The Lake Anten Affair

Abstract: A brilliant object, observed by some 20 ground spectators, becomes even more interesting since three odd depressions are found in the neighbourhood the following day. Officials try, in different ways, to put the carpet over the fire - resulting in a "solved case" for the Research Institute of National Defence and another "unknown" in the eyes of the general public and the UFO researchers. The report on this case is based on several investigations by UFO-Sweden representatives, particularly reports by Mr Björn Lippold of UFO-Skaraborg and Mr Lloyd Simu, engineer of profession. Material has been revised and edited by Mr Jan Lind of the UFO-Sweden central group and the editor.

On the night between Aug 29 and 30, 1970, at least 20 persons in the neighbourhood of Lake Anten, Västergötland, Sweden, witnessed a brilliant colour-changing ball on treetop level. One female spectator described the object as "oblong with indication of a cupola". The red brilliance changed to orange and vice versa as the object moved around in the area. Trees were illuminated. A humming noise was heard.

The UFO appeared and disappeared several times between 11.30 p.m. on Aug 29 and 2.00 a.m. on Aug 30. The moon cannot account for the sighting since it was a new moon and cloudy.

Several of the witnesses saw the object directly above the farm-house at Enebakken. The house is owned by Mr Richard Johansson, a vitale 81-year-old man. Although his sight and hearing is perfect, he did not wake up during the night. He lives alone in his cottage, about 1 km from the nearest neighbour. He says he knows every square inch of his garden and the surroundings. Before this incident Mr Johansson had no belief in the reports about "flying saucers". In interviews with UFO-Sweden Mr Johansson said he had heard nothing during the night, but this may be explained by the fact that his sleeping room is on the opposite side of the house from the site where the depressions were found.

Three depressions

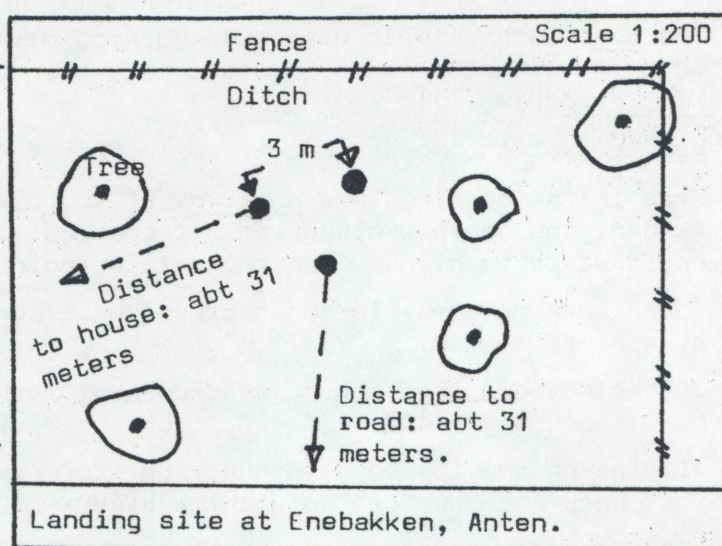
The following morning three crater-like depressions were found in the grass about 31 m from the farm-house at Enebakken. Enebakken lies on a ridge of moraine and bedrock.

Each depression was round, about 40 cm in diameter and 5-7 cm deep at the center. The depressions were positioned in an equilateral triangle (see figure) with a distance of 3 m between each hole.

Experts agree it would take a heavy weight to make these depressions.

As to the exact weight Mr Lloyd Simu, engineer and member of UFO-Sweden, estimates it at 500 kilos on each depression, while a member of UFO-Skaraborg - who is experienced with calculations of this kind- believes the necessary weight to be in the region of 5 tons/depression!

Geiger counter measures on the site and its surroundings gave only negative results. A counter with a sensitivity of 0.2 mR was used.



The positions of the depressions indicate that the object-in-question must have come from the same direction as where witnesses said the object disappeared on the night before. If not, the object would have broken branches on the nearby trees. From distances between the trees, Mr Simu calculated the maximum diameter of the object to be 8.8 meters.

Official "investigation"

Since the depressions had been connected to the UFO sighting on the previous night, pressmen made phone-calls to Dr Tage Eriksson, official UFO expert at the Research Institute for National Defence, and asked him for his opinion on the case. Forced by this interest from the press Dr Eriksson contacted the police at Alingsås and got their report. Two road office policemen had been to the place to measure and photograph the markings. In order to "calm the old man living at the place" the police issued a statement to the effect that the UFO sighting was caused by two youngsters playing with a hot air balloon and that the depressions was the result of burning methanol.

Dr Eriksson gladly accepted this "explanation" and spread it to every pressman. And, what's more, the press in general accepted it and made headlines that the "small green men" of Anten were actually two youngsters playing with a hot air balloon!

The actual quality of the "official investigation" may be derived from what Mr Nils Forsberg, inspector of the police at Alingsås, wrote in reply to a letter from the UFO-Sweden central group:

"A witness had stated that two youngsters from Magra had been at the site and that they were known for doing experiments. The witness thought that it was a hot air balloon... The persons in question have not been questioned by the police, nor by me personally. Their alibies have never been controlled."

"The statements regarding the hot air balloon theory were made to calm down the old man who lived at the site. Three holes in the ground in the form of an equilateral triangle points to the idea that it was not a hot air balloon."

Mr Lloyd Simu, in his report, gave a list of reasons why the hot air balloon theory was doomed from the beginning:

1. The boys were said to have been burning methanol in three pots, each about 40 cm in diameter, when it would have been necessary to use only one much smaller pot.
2. How to explain the perfect triangle formed by the three depressions?
3. Grass in the markings was charred. If you burnt all methanol you could buy in Sweden, the grass would never get charred! Temperature under the pot(s) could never be higher than the boiling-point of methanol, about 78°C.
4. There were no ashes in the depressions. Thus they could not have been burnt by a fiery liquid.
5. It was obvious that the depressions were made by three ball-shaped things of heavy weight.
6. Alibies of the two boys in question was checked by UFO-Sweden representatives. They were not even present at the place at that time.

Was it necessary to issue the "balloon theory"? No says, Mr Björn Lippold of UFO-Skaraborg, who had a long interview with Mr Johansson, the old man living at Enebakken:

"I had the impression that Mr Johansson only thought it was fun, when so many people came to visit him.

Mr Simu summed up his impressions after a visit to the place:

"When I had come that far in my researches I had to establish the fact that if someone had made a gigantic practical joke, he would have been very careful and would have had not only a lifting crane (completely noiseless), balls weighing at least half a ton, a stove to warm the balls in, and, finally a very effective vacuum cleaner. Traces left on the grass must have been wiped away by making the blades of grass rise in some occult manner. At this point I was completely convinced that an UFO had landed at the site."

Sources: Mainly the special report on the case, issued by UFO-Skaraborg/UFO-Sweden.

Lake Anten tests showed: Radioactivity!

Test soil supplied by the independent Swedish UFO research group GICOFF to the Chalmers Institute of Technology at Gothenburg showed a small quantity of Cesium 137. No Cesium 137 was found in the reference soil taken from the neighbourhood.

The soil was analyzed with a Multi-channel Analyzer. Radioactivity was very small, less than 900 pulses in 8 hours. Cesium 137 can only be found in nuclear reactors and after nuclear bomb explosions.

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A SURPRISING RESULT?

A study circle organization of Eskilstuna, Sweden is arranging a study circle in occult matters, such as ESP and UFOlogy. For the purpose of this circle the organization advertised for "unexplained incidents". Result: About 500 reports!

About 100 concerned UFO sightings and 80 % of these are concentrated to a very restricted area around Kjula and Ärla near Eskilstuna. Mr Nygren, headmaster of the organization said in an interview with the editor:

"The reports are interesting. We have received independent reports of what must have been the same incident. The reports are usually of a good quality, many of the witnesses are educated people, even civil engineers. Since many of the witnesses fear publicity we cannot publish any details of the sightings."

Comments: We learn that among the reports is one that is most strikingly alike "The Lake Anten Affair". Neither Mr Nygren nor anyone else who has been concerned with the investigation of this case wants to give further comments and witnesses prefer to remain anonymous.

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UFO-SWEDEN RESEARCH PROPOSAL TO THE INSTITUTE FOR NATIONAL DEFENCE

Mr Carl-Axel Jonzon, chairman of the UFO-Sweden central group, wrote an open letter to Mr T Magnusson, director-general for the Swedish Research Institute for National Defence, Stockholm. The Institute is responsible for the "official policy" as regards UFOs. Dr Tage Eriksson, a meteorologist who is working with rationalizations and distribution of research allowances within the Institute, has been assigned to "flying saucer research" as a part time duty. In reality he spends about one hour each day answering press calls or enquiries from UFO groups and individuals. A file of badly researched reports is being maintained.

In his letter, which was mailed in February 1971, Mr Jonzon establishes the "hidden facts" in the UFO mystery and reviews the developments in the U.S. as regards UFO research. The letter end up with a proposal for co-operation between UFO-Sweden and the Institute. If a positive result will come out of this proposal, it may lead to a joint research program. With the help of UFO-Sweden's local research groups and contacts, including the scientific expert group the Institute could do more field investigation and uncover more facts about the UFO mystery. Much "noise" is hidden in the badly researched files of the Institute.

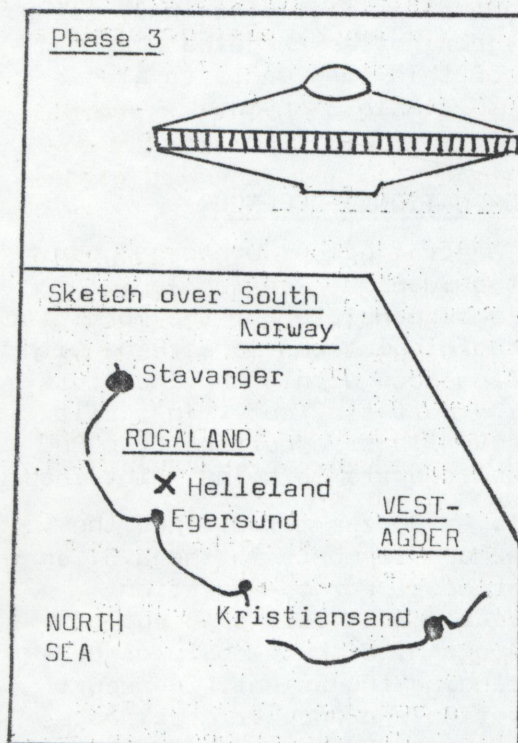
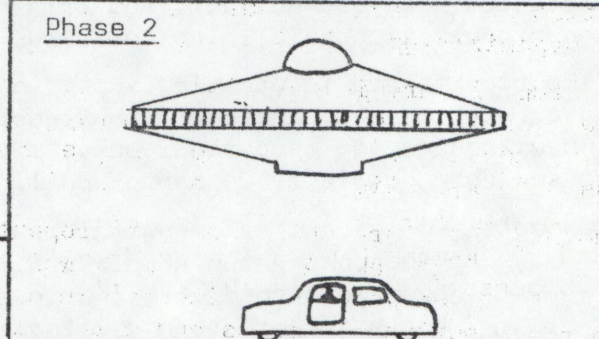
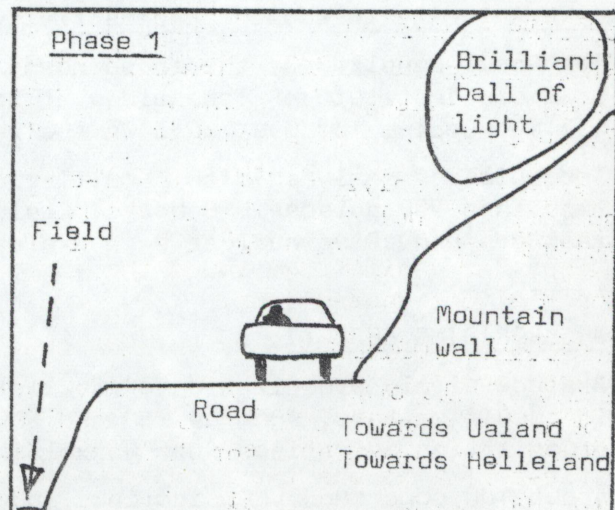
I met a "flying saucer"

Abstract: At Helleland, Norway, a shining, bright object, was hanging over Reidar Salvesen's car about one minute. Suddenly, in a glimpse of light it had disappeared - and Salvesen fell down on the road. He not even noticed that something pressed him down. A full report on this interesting case was published by the Norwegian weekly "Hjemmet" and was translated into English by Mr Anton Lidström, responsible for "Foreign Contact" with the Trondheim UFO-Society.

The time was 11.30 in the evening when Reidar Salvesen came to his home at Bre-gneveien, Vågsbygd. The rain was pouring down and he was shaking after 6 hours drive with a plast-strip instead of the front-pane. When his wife opens the door, he went straight in and sat down on a sofa without taking off his coat.

"Synnøve", he said, "I have had a strange experience, I cannot explain it, therefore I must draw it for you. It was a frightening sight, but at the same time fantastic".

It began a few minutes after half past five that afternoon, on Thursday 29 of October. Salvesen had passed Helleland in Rogaland and increased the speed of his red Hillman Sunbeam. He was on the way home from his ambulating job as market-adviser for a sale central. The time was almost ten minutes past half



five. He was glad to come home to his family as early as on Thursday - they had not seen much of each other the last weeks. In a slight acclivity east of Helleland, he passed a transformer station at the mountain wall, close to the road.

He was driving with the parking lights on. Suddenly he saw a dazzling light, as from a welding flame. It hurt his eyes so he stopped short. He tells: "The glimpse lasted only one second or two, I am not sure. I opened the door on my side and looked out. That what I saw, I never forget:

10 meters up, a circular object, smooth and bright as if it was nickel-plated. It only was there, noiseless and threatening and without any light. I stopped the motor, went out of the car and was standing beside the door. Then the object was gliding forward, seven or eight meters and stopped 5-6 meters in front of the car, in the same height. Instinctively I caught my book which lay in the open bag between the seats, and began to make a sketch of the thing above me. I was convinced now. That was a flying saucer!"

A crack and the front-pane was smashed

It just hung above my head, bright and shining. I never was really afraid, maybe because I got no time to think about it. The only thing I took into my head was: I must make a sketch, this I will not get another chance to see. The body had neither doors, windows nor hatches. Joints or grooves were not to be seen. No distinguishing marks or flags. The object was bright and shining all over - except for a gilt edge round the body with vertical grooves, like those on a sheet of corrugated iron.

I can't remember how many seconds that passed - perhaps fifty - but suddenly the saucer mounted, without any noise, straight up in the air at a violent speed. Then I felt I was not able to stand on my feet. I was knocked backwards and landed on my hind part on the road. At the same time I heard a crack - like a rifle-shot - it was the front-pane of my car being smashed, splinters of glass jingled down on the seats and the floor. About one km up in the air, the saucer changed into a fire-ball, but few seconds afterwards, the fire-ball disappeared too. The sky-cover was not very high, owing to the drizzling rain."

Just then, Reidar Salvesen found he was bleeding from a wound on his hand. He must have rubbed himself when he fell on the asphalt, he thought. He started the car, backed to a resting-place on the left side of the road. There he swept away all the splinters of glass on the seats and on the floor. Before driving again, he checked the lights, horn etc. Now he must make haste to come to Ualand, 12 km more east, before the shops closed. He must have a plastic strip as a compensation for the front-pane.

On the way he noticed a strange feeling in the tongue, much as after a marcotization at the dentist. Precisely at 17.00, he stopped the car outside the co-operative society at Ualand. From the manager, Ragnar Risa, he borrowed glass-fibre tape to fasten the plastic strip.

"I noticed that the man shuddered when he entered the shop", manager Risa told later, "but I thought the reason was that he had driven without front-pane. I cut the plastic strip while he wiped off blood from his fingers. I remember I asked him how the pane had been smashed, but he only answered that such things might happen".

Salvesen left at once without telling anything. Only when a Kristiansand newspaper (the Christiansands Tidende) rang him up on the telephone to check the information given by Salvesen, the manager was told about the reason.

Manager Risa does not believe in visits from space. When Salvesen later came into the shop together with a co-labourer in "Hjemmet", Risa said to him:

"I do not believe you have seen a "flying saucer", it must have been a mirage or something like that, a usual thing when it rains."

Was it Salvesen's car that Sigrunn Skipstad saw?

Reidar Salvesen is sure of not having seen any mirage. That what he observed was a produced object, neither more nor less. No one but himself has seen the

saucer. 600 meters east of the place, some telegraph workers were drawing out cables, but they had not seen anything. Behind the place there were some houses. Noone there have seen glimpses of light. "It does not matter", says Salvesen. "The glimpses lasted only one or two seconds. People may have been occupied with quite different things and not looking that way just then."

Another moment to be noticed: Mrs Sigrunn Skipstad from Egersund works at the Helleland dairy. Her story may weaken Salvensen's explanation. She tells the "Hjemmet" reporter:

"Thursday 29 October at 17.00 I was driving westwards towards Helleland to my home at Egersund, after having visited my mother. Three hundred meters east of Helleland, at the bridge, I met a K-registered car with a smashed front-pane. "Poor man", I thought, "he must drive the long way to Flekkefjord ti get a new pane."

"Are you quite sure of time and place?"

"Yes, I feel certain, among other things because I got married only a few days before, and should remember it! The car was red and resembled a Ford Taunus, but I am not quite sure."

To Mrs Skipstads information, Salvesen says: "The red car was not mine. The front-pane of my car was smashed on the place I have shown you, but what caused the smash, I never will be able to tell you."

"But it was a curious coincidence?"

"Yes, a strange coincidence, I agree with you in that. But there are more persons having red K-registered cars. If the driver of the car reads this, I hope he will announce himself. What interest should I have in lying about the place? The front pane was compensated by the insurance company. I did not come in collision, nor did I drive upon anybody."

Termic tension - was that the reason why the pane was smashed?

"It does not matter to me what people think. I have no hope of converting doubters. But I know what I saw. My impression is that people seldom admit to have seen anything inexplicable, because they think such phenomena do not belong to our enlightened age."

If a "flying saucer" did not smash Salvesen's front pane of hardened glass, what did it? The theories are many, one of them turn upon "termic" tension, arising under great differences of height and temperature. In the case of Salvesen it does not agree. The temperature was 10-12°C, it was cloudy and drizzling rain. The vassal of Egersund was, at the request of the police at Kristiansand, at the place five days later and picked up the fragments of glass. The vassal had no difficulty in finding the place after the indication of Salvesen. He tells to "Hjemmet": "In addition to the splinters of glass Salvesen tells he threw between the stones in the way-slope, I also found some splinters on the road, between the asphalt and the gravel."

Experts say about front-panes of hardened glass that if a stone hits such a pane, the pane breaks into pieces. In the case of Salvesen it does not prove that it was a stone that smashed the pane. It might as well have been anything else.

The time was, as said before, 11.30 before Salvesen came home to his wife and twins, Karsten and Gerd, 13 years old. On the 180 km long drive to Kristiansand, in a snail's pace, his thoughts only circled around the flying saucer. In Flekkefjord he stopped and phoned his wife. "What has happened", she asked.

"I'll tell you when I come home".

The skin on my hand sealed off

It was getting late that evening. Salvesen was not in bed until three o'clock. "The last I heard was his talk about flying saucers", Synnøve told.

"If I only could see it again", he said.

At the breakfast-table next morning, he showed her his hand. The grazes were minimal, but the strange thing was that the skin sealed off as if he was burnt by the sun. When he rubbed the palms of his hands against each other, the skin on his right hand sealed off.

On his way home to Kristiansand, he noticed the woundness in his eyes. First he believed it was caused by the current of air. When he came home, his wife found out that his eye-balls were quite red. This lasted for two weeks. Sitting in his office, the daylight was intolerable, likewise it was tormenting to look straight towards a lamp.

Two days later, at 10.45 on Saturday 31 of October, he went to the police-station in Kristiansand. Salvesen explained the event to the constable Henry Aamo. The report was sent to the Police for Superintention in Oslo, after a declaration from the vassal in Egersund and the police in Rogaland. The head of the police, Eckhoff, says to "Hjemmet":

"I know Reidar Salvesen since many years. I have had a good deal to do with him. He is sober and trustworthy. I think it is important to give the public knowledge of the case. Maybe we will get some more information that way."

Specialists from the Engineer Regiment in Kristiansand used instruments on the car and smashed front-pane, in order to find radio-activity, but there was none. The Defence Research Institute at Kjeller have examined the splinters of glass without finding anything.

Salvesen's travel alarm-clock behaved in a strange way after the incident. It now kept the time badly after always having been very precise. It was examined by a watch-maker three weeks after the episode, but no irregularity, like magnetism etc, was found. It is, however, not the first time watches are becoming restive after having made acquaintance with UFOs. This happened to a man from Gjøvik some years ago. Also his pocket watch behaved badly since an UFO had floated over his car.

Are UFOs interested in electric power stations?

Strange it is too that the object was near to a transformer. Norwegian UFO specialists asked Salvesen about this, but only two weeks later he noticed that a transformer really was placed there. Anyone who has the occasion to look at Norwegian UFO-maps, will become astonished, because most UFOs are observed near to greater electrical foundations and power stations.

A question pressing forward in the case of Salvesen is: How many people in Norway have really seen UFOs and how many of these dare not tell about it, being afraid to be laughed at? After all addresses and calls Reidar Salvesen has received, there must be many. One example: A person came to him in Sandnes and said: "At long last a man who dares saying that he has seen an UFO! I too have seen one, but I never had the courage to speak loud about it. People would only laugh at me." Another reaction to Salvesen's story was: "Good Heavens, what had he drunk that day?"

"I had not drunk anything at all, nor was I tired and weary", Salvesen maintain, "I used no pills or medicine, which might have influenced on my condition."

"Let people only distrust me, if they like. In any case, I saw something I cannot explain, something sailing 10 meters above my car. That I will insist upon my dying day. But I should like to see it again, but then with a camera at hand."

Comments: The editor of SN has had correspondence with Mr Salvesen as well as with Mr Halvor Toreskaas of the Christiansands Tidende, who published the first detailed press report on the case. Writes Mr Toreskaas:

"I have ran extensive checks to control the credibility of Mr Salvesen, all turning out in a positive way for his part."

The Saapunki Landing

Abstract: In January 1971, Finnish and Swedish newspapers high-lined a strange UFO incident from Saapunki, Kuusamo in Finland. The report is interesting in all its parts, especially since laboratory tests have been carried out on snow samples from the landing spot. The SN-report is based on information in Finnish and Swedish newspapers and magazines and, particularly, an English language report supplied by the International UFO Investigation Bureau of Turku, Finland. The incident occurred on January 3, 1971.

Mr Mauno Talala, aged 47, a farmer of Saapunki, a village some 10 km north of Kuusamo (some 40 km from the Finnish-Russian border), was having his early morning breakfast with his wife, Mrs Martta Talala, aged 50.

While sitting in front of their kitchen window they saw, at about 6.15 a.m., a bright light approaching from an ENE direction towards their house. The light was dazzling bright and not very high in the sky, nor did it fly very fast.

The light landed straight in front of their window. It was so bright that one could not look straight at it. The nearby countryside became brightly lighted up to a distance of more than 300 meters. The colour of the light was bluish, like a welding flame. After a few moments the light rose up into the air again, continued flying and disappeared. A short cut of electricity was also noticed during the take-off of the light. The light had rested on the ground for about one minute.

The Talala's continued their normal daily routines. After daylight they observed that an impression was left on the snow by the strange light. The marking, somewhat triangular in shape and about 4.7 x 2.7 m in size, formed a slight depression in the snow. In the central part, the snow had melted.

The melted and afterwards frozen portion of the marking showed a peculiar changing in its colour: First it was dark green, then it changed to grey and bluish-grey on the following day. Mr Talala took a sample of the frozen snow into a bottle and after melting it, the snow left plenty of sediment at the bottom of the vessel.

The next day Mr Talala went to the local newspaper and the story started to spread. Upon investigation it was found that the light was seen in many houses around the village. Mr and Mrs Kalle Saapunki live about 300 m from Talala's house. They saw the light come to land on the Talala's property - from their direction it seemed as though Talala's cattle-house was on fire. The Saapunkis were just about to telephone for the fire-brigade, when the light lifted and continued towards the SW. They also observed the cut of electricity.

Residents living as far as 3 km from the Talala's house saw the phenomenon as it moved at 9-10 m over the treetops at walking speed. The phenomenon was observed between 5.58 and 6.15 a.m.. Mrs Mirja Saapunki lives about 1 km from the Talala's and was awoken from her morning sleep by the strong light.

The frozen marking is not quite solid down to the ground surface. There is a solid surface of a few centimeters thickness, then follows a somewhat thicker "spikely" ice layer and then coarse snow on top of the ground.

The Oulu/Uleåborg UFO-Club was notified about the incident and Mr Ahti Karivieri visited the place six days later. Samples of frozen snow have been analyzed by various institutions. Results from analyses by Oulu O/Y (state owned chemical company) and the University of Oulu are available at the moment. Other samples will be analyzed in Stockholm and in London.

Results from analysis by Oulu O/Y are:

Sample was mainly of water with some obviously vegetarian residue. Three comparison samples from spots some 15 meters from the UFO-impression and around it, were analyzed. Although the comparison samples were taken from obviously dirtier-looking spots than the UFO-marking, the result is as follows:

	Comparison samples	UFO-spot
The PH	5.6 - 6.5	4.8
Electrical conductivity	6.8 - 9.0	240

The sediments obtained from different samples vary in amount (from original melted snow amount of 200 ml): dirtiest sample 33,7 mg, two cleaner samples: no more than 1.5 mg, and the UFO-spot: 55.0 mg.

Results from the Oulu University tests:

In X-ray spectrography tests the following elements were found: potassium, silicon, iron, chlorine, titanium and sodium. The silicon content was bigger than "normal". As there were no elements indicating the sample to be normal sand or stone "dust", a suggestion was made that the titanium found might have gotten into the snow, because of the heating effect of the phenomenon.

There were some residue of plant cells, some starch grains and some vegetarian residue in unidentified condition. The colour found could be antocyanin, commonly found in leaves and rind of plants. If, supposed, the UFO emitted strong radiation with at least a part of it of short wave length, such radiation easily penetrates through snow and warms the ground surface. Then the first to evaporate, the antocyanin, has risen into the snow and coloured the plant cells in it. Titanium present has caused changes in PH, which, in turn, possibly caused the change of colour.

Chemical analysing indicates that no burned residue was left by the phenomenon. This means it couldn't have been a light flare bomb or a machine working with the normal type of burning fuel. In spite of strong wind the phenomenon moved partly against the wind, thus it couldn't have been a gaseous blob. The steady and very bright light rules out the possible meteorite, lightning or satellite re-entry explanations. The phenomenon was seen simultaneously from opposite directions during its approaching and landing phases.

Dr Birger Wiik, noted Finnish scientist (who has, among other things, been working with NASA samples of moon stones) became interested in the phenomenon, when he thought it might have been a meteorite. Dr Wiik was given a sample of the snow. According to Dr Wiik, the sample contains "ordinary dish water". He is not surprised over the titanium found in the sediment. "You can find that anywhere", he said. Spectrography analysis showed no nickel, a common element in meteorites. He said that people must have been mistaking when connecting the icy spot on the snow to the light phenomenon. Dr Wiik suggested a lightning flash as explanation for the sighting.

Comments: Obviously, since the incident couldn't be termed a meteorite (how could it be?) it was of no concern to Dr Wiik and thus it must have been a lightning flash lasting for 17 minutes! Those poor, poor scientists who are not allowed to draw reasonable conclusions from the facts, because of their "scientific reputation" and their research grants...

NORTH FINNISH UFO-WAVE

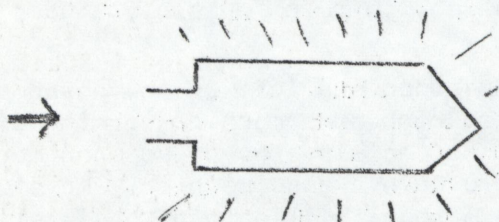
There have come many reports from the Kuusamo area in North Finland the last few months. A governmental official reported to the Oulu UFO-Club that during the night 10.1 - 11.1, between 2.50 and 3.10, he sighted 16 very bright glowing UFOs over the Kuusamo community. They flew in an echelon formation, the lower ones at a height of about 300-400 m. The objects flying higher seemed to be ball-shaped, while the lower ones appeared as elongated or flat balls. No sound was heard. The witness, who does not care to give his name because of his position, observed this phenomenon with three other members of his family.

Investigation at Perho

Abstract: We received the following report from UFO-JakobSaari, UFO-Sweden's first group in Finland. This new group was formed in March 1971 and has proved to be a real success. They now have almost 20 members and carry out investigations in the Jakobstad area of Finland. The author of this article is Miss Lillemor Emtö, member of UFO-JakobSaari and daughter of the founder of UFO-JakobSaari, Mrs Solveig Emtö.

On Thursday, March 25, 1971, the local newspaper Jakobstads Tidning published an article about a UFO-case at Perho and on that same evening I, Mariann Bexar, Mårten Sundell and Håkan Sumell went in Håkan's car to Perho. It is about 130 km from Jakobstad. We were fortunate in that in the first little cottage we asked lived one of the two youngsters who first saw the UFO.

He, Matti Lassila, told us that they were on their way home on their mopeds on Tuesday, March 23, when they saw the UFO above the treetops. They were scared and put up speed. The UFO followed them for about 1 km and was at a distance of about 200 m. They were so frightened that they thought of jumping into the ditch to take cover, but at the same moment the UFO changed its course and flew away. At this point they continued home and notified their parents and neighbours who all came out to watch the phenomenon.



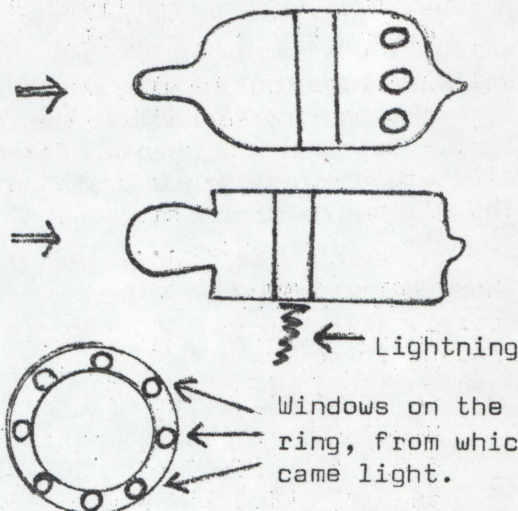
The other boy, Jorma Vasala said: "It was abt. 20.30 hrs when we first saw it. The UFO was about 3-5 meters in size and its speed was slow." The sketch to the left shows what Jorma Vasala saw. He heard no sound, but the UFO radiated in all the colours of the rainbow. Says Mrs Terttu Lassila: "When the boys came rushing in and told me about their experience, I took the field-glasses and went out to have

a look at it. The UFO was now at a higher altitude than when the boys first saw it. It did not move very far sideways when I saw it, but seemed to move on the spot."

When I asked them if the UFO seemed to be guided in some way, or if it went here and there like a balloon, they all answered that it was guided, this because its movements were precise and sometimes repeated several times. Mrs Terttu Lassila said that she could discern, through the field-glasses, windows from which came lights: green, yellow, red and white. The sketch to the right represents her view of the object.

Mr Toivo Pirttikoski said that there is a power line near to the place where the UFO was seen. He thought the UFO made use of it in one way or another. Every time when it changed position a lightning shot out from beneath. This was never the case when it was hovering. Besides this his description co-ordinates with those of the other witnesses. (See right).

Mr Viljo Lassila was the only one who saw the UFO's "front side" with the field-glasses. His sketch is shown to the right.



All those who drew sketches did so without looking at the other's sketches. And one must say that the resemblance is striking. Further they said, that this was absolutely nothing that could have come from this planet. They knew nothing about UFOs before this incident. Someone had given them the explanation that what they saw was chemical cloud (barium cloud? - SN-editor's remark) released from Sweden which had drifted with the winds, but everyone agreed that this was something else.

"We saw something from another world", said an old good-hearted woman who first thought it was the Evening Star the other's saw, but who changed her mind when she saw it herself.

A farmer told us that he had wondered over the bright light near the stable, when he came out on the farm-yard. He thought that his wife had forgotten to turn off the light, but this was not the case. Then he thought that it was car headlights, but came to think that there were no cars in that direction. So he went in, and in the same moment the boys came in and wanted him to come out to look at the UFO. Then he understood the reason for the light he had seen. The other witnesses certified that the UFO had been about 200 m over the ground and had been in the area for about two hours.

Personally I believe in these people and their stories. One could see that they were shaken and that they had experienced something odd. It's hard to believe that they, deep in the Finnish "desert" would have had access to UFO literature and had been so interested in such matters as to find up such an incredible story. It was fun talking to them and to see how serious they were about the matter. The old lady's words can stand for what the whole village wants to say: "We saw something from another world". And we of UFO-JakobSaari BELIEVE IN HER!

Comments: This incident occurred in the Kokkoneva village of Perho and was witnessed by people from three farms and also by people living as far off as 10 km. A few weeks later came another report from the Perho area, published in "Keskipohjanmaa", 4.4.71. Translation to Swedish by Mrs Solveig Emtö.

ANOTHER UFO APPEARANCE AT PERHO

In the Perho village of Oksakoski one saw, for about one hour, a strange red flaming light. It was in the northern sky early on Saturday morning, 3.4.71. It had the shape of a barrel. It was witnessed by two Oksakoski inhabitants. It reminded of the "barrel" seen in Kokkoneva on 23.3.71.

Mr Nestori Peritalo, was the one who first saw the barrel: "Yesterday morning I sat on my bed at about 4 o'clock, when I suddenly saw a flaming ball, radiating a purple-red light, through the window. I saw it in direction north to west. At closer examining I saw that it looked like a 200 litres barrel in a vertical position. Around it I saw a clear, flaming red light. It moved vertically towards the right. Then I told my wife what I saw and she, in turn, said that she had been watching the same thing for a long time. It came to my mind that I ought to call my neighbours and tell them about what we saw, but my wife urged me not to do it. She did not want strange rumours to circulate in the village."

"At the end I rang police constable Aho. It was about 4.40." Says constable Aho: "Nestori Peritalo rang me up and said that in the northern sky was that barrel. I looked out through the window and there it was. I fetched my field-glasses in order to get a better view of the object. The light phenomenon was in a vertical position. Distance and altitude was hard to judge. But it was a bit over the treetops, at least, and in a northwesterly direction. It was standing still and started to grow fainter. After a while it disappeared. It was now a few minutes after five in the morning."

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